

REMARKS

Claims 23 through 36 have been added. Claims 23 through 29 claim the combination of a printer and a data entry device, and claims 30 through 36 claim the printer per se.

The new claims are submitted to define patentably over the references including the U.S. patent to Fukumoto et al 5,047,615.

Claim 23 defines the combination of a portable printer and a portable data entry device including an elongate data entry device housing having a front end, a scanner disposed in the front end of the data entry device housing for scanning a label, a display and a plurality of manually operable keys, the printer including an elongate printer housing having a front portion and a rear portion, the printer housing providing space at the rear portion for receiving a roll of a label web, a print module at the rear portion of the printer housing, the print module including a thermal print head and a platen roll cooperable with the print head for printing on the label web, the printer having a compartment for releasably holding the data entry device, the compartment having a top portion which is open to provide access to the display and the keys, and the compartment being open at the end of the front portion to slidably receive the data entry device through the open end.

The claim brings out the features of the printer and the data entry device with which it cooperates. The claim specifies the compartment which enables the user to use the scanner in the front end of the data editing device and to use the keys and display at the open top portion. The compartment releasably holds the data entry device. In addition the data entry device can be slid into the compartment and connected to the printer. The Fukumoto patent does not have the combination of features including the slide feature set forth in claim 23 and is submitted to be allowable. Claims 24 through 29 define further features of the invention and as such as allowable together with claim 23.

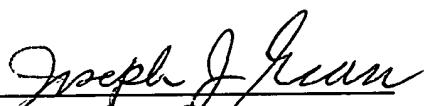
Claim 30 is patterned after claim 23, except it does not include the portable data entry device as part of the combination. Nevertheless, claim 30 is submitted to define patentably over the references as do dependent claims 31 through 36.

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Early action and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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